



RE: Adopt-the-River Program

MONTHLY REPORT: February 2020
To: The City of Santa Fe River & Watershed Coordinator
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Task 1. PLAN FOR RESTORING AND MAINTAINING 26 ADOPTED REACHES AND ARROYOS

- ✓ 2/4/20, Mandela International Magnet School (MIMS) cleaned Reach 26.
- ✓ 2/12/20, Angel volunteers from Vail, CO cleaned Reach 12. Needles and homeless activity.
- ✓ 2/12/20, Angel volunteers from Vail, CO cleaned the Arroyo Mascaras. Needles and homeless activity under W Alameda bridge, still evidence of fire from several months ago.
- ✓ 2/15/20, SFC SPL, SFHS, CHS, WWWOW, Rotary Club, St. Elizabeth's Shelter, MIMS, SFIS, Amma, Tom Rebstock, Mike Thompson, and general volunteers cleaned the River between Patrick Smith Park and San Isidro Crossing, as well as the Arroyo de los Pinos and the Arroyo de los Chamisos as part of the "Love Your River Day" community cleanup event.
- ✓ 2/26/20, Angel volunteers from the International Rotary Exchange cleaned Reach 13 and 14. Homeless activity and unsubstantiated report of human trafficking and blockage of storm pipes.
- ✓ 2/27/20, Peter Olson observed a queen sized mattress under Paseo de Peralta Bridge on the River.
- ✓ 2/28/20, Peter Olson observed well-established homeless camps under Old Taos Highway on Arroyo Barranca.
- ✓ 2/29/20, NM State Land Office cleaned Reach 11.
- ✓ 2/29/20, NM State Supreme Court Building Commission cleaned Reach 12.

TASK 2. COORDINATE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING

- ✓ No vegetation management in the month of February.

Task 3. REPORT ON STEWARDS AND MONETARY SPONSORS

- ✓ All reaches of the river have sponsors except for the San Isidro Crossing Reach and Reach 28.
- ✓ SFWA is actively looking for sponsors and stewards for the Adopt-an-Arroyo and Adopt-the-River programs.
- ✓ Administrative Director Raquel Baca-Tompson is sending out and tracking Sponsor renewals as well as approaching potential Sponsors.
- ✓ Volunteer Coordinator Keely Jackson-Kennemore is sending 2020 River Steward agreements and tracking Steward renewals.
- ✓ Program Coordinator Morika Hensley is sending 2020 Arroyo Steward agreements, tracking Steward renewals, approaching new potential Stewards, and working with Santa Fe Public Schools to increase student engagement throughout the watershed.
- ✓ Santa Fe Community Yoga and Endurance Santa Fe have joined as new steward teams.

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- ✓ Volunteer Coordinator Keely Jackson-Kennemore and Program Coordinator Morika Hensley continue to encourage Steward groups to clean their reaches and occasionally other reaches in need of a cleanup.

TASK 4. ORGANIZE AND SUPPORT TRASH REMOVAL AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Reach Report for February 2020 totals for the seventh month of **FY 2019-2020** are as follows:

	Reaches/visits	Volunteers	Trash Bags Collected	Volunteer Hours
July-January				
River	49	348	552	554
Arroyos	12	62	164	119.5
Totals	61	410	716	673.5
February				
River	11	183	237	271
Arroyos	5	14	24	19
Totals	16	197	261	290
Totals Combined	77	607	977	963.5

The value of the volunteers' in-kind contributions in City river reaches and arroyos to date in **FY 19/20 (eighth month)** is approximately **\$24,501.81** (963.5 hours @ \$25.43; see www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time).

The approximate total weight of trash collected to date in **FY 19/20 (eighth month)** is **7.32 tons** (977 bags * 15 lbs/bag * 1/2000 tons/lb)

TASK 5. POST SIGNS FROM ARMIJO PARK TO FRENCHY'S FIELD

- ✓ Keely Jackson-Kennemore, Morika Hensley and Andy Otto regularly check signs for wear and tear.
- ✓ City staff continues to help with post and sign installation for the arroyo reaches.
 - SFWA will be requesting meeting with City staff to determine proper sign installation for new sponsor reaches.

TASK 6. PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEERS REGARDING RIVER & ARROYO RESTORATION

- ✓ During cleanups that Keely and Morika attend, they speak to the volunteers about water conservation and water challenges in the Southwest.
- ✓ We are training volunteers on tabling at events to promote the Adopt-an-Arroyo Program.

TASK 7. ORGANIZE THREE COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

- ✓ Love Your River Day on February 15th, was held from 10:00am to 12:00pm, at Frenchy's Field Barn. There were a total of 167 participants, who collected 274 bags of trash.
- ✓ The next community cleanup event will be the Great American River cleanup, in June.

TASK 8. COORDINATE WITH CITY STAFF TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY.

- ✓ Keely Jackson-Kennemore and Morika Hensley notify River and Watershed Coordinator Melissa McDonald and Parks Superintendent Chris Ortiz about each Steward clean-up outing to schedule trash collection. They also relay observations that received from Stewards to Melissa McDonald and Chris Ortiz.
- ✓ Homeless activity was discovered in and around the river on several reaches. Please see Task 1 for a list.

TASK 9. SEND MONTHLY REPORTS OF WORK DONE THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

- ✓ We are hereby providing report of activity for February 2020 to the City of Santa Fe River and Watershed Coordinator.

TASK 10. CONDUCT PUBLIC OUTREACH TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS TO THANK SPONSORS AND STEWARDS. INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND MAINTAIN A WEB SITE.

- ✓ We have been using social media sites as well as volunteermatch.com, to thank volunteers and to recruit new volunteers for River and Arroyo Stewardship.
- ✓ We are tabling at various events to promote and educate the community on the Adopt-an-Arroyo Program.

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